THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir, The Minister of Trade and Industry, South Africa during his recent visit to India had a meeting with the Minister of State for Commerce, wherein various bilateral matters were discussed.

(c) No protocol/MOU on mining of manganese, gold, iron-ore, chrome and liquification of gas etc. has been signed between India and South Africa. No negotiations are in progress in this regard.

Child Labour in Karnataka

2060. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of child labour estimated in Karnataka as on date;

(b) which are the industries where the child labour are working in Karnataka; and

(c) what are the steps taken to abolish child labour in Karnataka and whether the State-level child labour advising committee is functioning in Karnataka, if so, who are its members?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Border Area Development Programme in West Bengal

2061. SHRI JOYANTA ROY: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) what amount of money has been spent, district-wise, under Border Area Development Programme in West Bengal during 1993-94 and 1994-95; and

(b) what schemes have been implemented so far for the socio economic upliftment of the people of Border Areas of the State under the BADP?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAVA): (a) and (b) Schemes under Border Area Development Programme (BADP) are operated in blocks in West Bengal lying on Bangladesh border. Funds under BADP are released to the State Government and a Committee at the State level decides on sectoral and spatial allocations. Schemes such as construction of flood relief shelters; construction of community centres; development of schools and libraries; creation of non-conventional energy sources; construction of market complexes; development of play-grounds; sinking of tubewells for potable water; sinking of tubewells for irrigation purpose; development of infrastructural facilities in the health institutions; repair–renovation of local roads; improvement of training facilities for blind boys and development of infrastructural facilities in juvenile home etc. have been implemented under BADP in West Bengal in 1993-94 and 1994-95. District-wise allocations during 1993-94 and 1994-95 are annexed.

Statement

District-wise allocation of Funds under BADP in West Bengal for the years 1993-94 and 1994-95

District	Amount (Rs. in lakh)
South 24-Parganas	639.150
North 24-Parganas	355.210
Nadia	300.006